

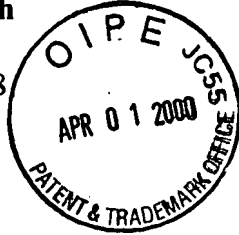
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated February 4, 2000, Applicant responds by calling attention to 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(iv) which states that "A copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior application, showing the signature **or an indication thereon that it was signed**, is submitted for the continuation or divisional application" (bold added). The divisional application was submitted with the common law /S/ indication of a prior signature on a copied document (see highlighted copy enclosed).

After a telephone conference with the Initial Patent Examination Division it was agreed that this indication meets the requirements of the regulations and the \$65.00 surcharge is not required. The Examination Division suggested that Applicant resubmit a copy of the Declaration along with the Notice copy each of which is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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